

The Seton Sentinel

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish



"Be ready to open immediately when He knocks!"

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

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Office Hours:

Monday– Thursday
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Parish Office is closed for all Holy Days of Obligation and Federal Holidays.

*Parish of the
Diocese of Scranton*



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New to the area? Just visiting? You will find a warm welcome here! To become a registered member, please call the parish office during regular business hours.

SETON ONLINE

Stay in touch with your parish on-line by "Liking" us on Facebook, Viewing our website setonpa.com and now with your mobile device. Download the new Seton App from setonpa.com and stay in touch with your parish on the go! Worship Schedules, Facebook, The Seton Sentinel and more! Download it today on your phone or ipad! Bulletins are posted each weekend to keep up with the parish happenings if you are away or just want a sneak peek at what's coming up for our parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

August brings thoughts of, dare we say, "Back to School," and it's time to begin thinking about our Religious Education Program. Once again we will offer a choice to two sessions for grades 1-8, Mondays 6:00– 7:15 pm or Saturdays 9:00-10:15 am. You may pick one of the days to send your student(s). Classes resume Saturday, September 17th and Monday, September 19th. **Registration forms are now available on the tables at the church entrance**, and also online at setonpa.com under Religious Education. Something new this year will be an incentive for students who offer their services as either Altar Servers or Members of the Youth Choir. We will waive the registration fee for these students. Call Lori at the rectory office to sign-up for Altar Server Training, or contact Cora Artim about information on joining the youth choir: 570-287-1525. Watch the bulletin for more information on Religious Education and other youth news.

ALTAR SERVING TRAINING:



Fr. Joe would like to gather with **all current Altar Servers** and those who wish to be **new Altar Servers** on Wednesday, August 24th at 3:00pm in the Church. This is an opportunity to brush-up on the method of serving, refining your skills and learn how to properly strike "the gong" ! Those who are already servers will help train our new recruits. To become an altar server, you must be going into at least 3 grade, but we need older servers as well. All school students are most welcome! Call Lori at the office if you would like to volunteer to serve in this ministry to our parish.

FESTIVAL WRAP-UP

We are tallying the numbers with still some bills out and will print the final totals as soon as we are confident everything is even. However, we can say for certain that this was the best year of income since 2012! We went over the top of last year's numbers, thanks to you! Even though the rain dampened the crowd on Saturday, it was still fantastic! Watch the bulletin for a Thank You Party for all workers. The date will be announced soon...again, thanks for everything! Also, check out the bulletin board in our vestibule for the list of our 64 lucky **THEME BASKET winners**. FYI: 2017 Festival Dates: July 13,14,15! Mark your calendars now and spread the word!



CALLING ALL KNITTERS, CROCHETERS, & SEWERS

Our **Social Concerns Committee** will be sponsoring a project this summer and fall that will enable us to use our talents to help others spiritually, emotionally, and economically. The project will involve knitting, crocheting, or sewing "Chemo Caps" for people who have lost their hair due to the fight against cancer. These "Chemo Caps" provide comfort, boost a person's self esteem, provide an additional level of support, and will let people know they are not alone in their fight. Just something as simple as a "hat" could do wonders! The "Chemo Caps" will be donated to the Henry Cancer Center at Geisinger Wyoming Valley. Call Lori at 570-283-3006 or Cindy at 570-287-5390 if you are a knitter, sewer, or crocheter who is interested in this project.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE *HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR*

Our Social Concerns Committee is now accepting reservations for our annual Holiday Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, November 5th, from 9am to 3pm in our school gymnasium & cafeteria. Rental spaces are 10'x10' at a cost of \$20 per space (\$25 after October 1st). For more information or an application, please call Mary Ann Martinsky at 570-287-3484 or seasocialconcerns@yahoo.com Please do not call the parish office. It may be hot outside, but the holiday shopping season is coming up fast. Reserve your space today.

Parish Staff

Cora Artim
Children's Choir

Phil Bosha
Maintenance

Chris Calore
Maintenance

Scott Coates
Contemporary Mass Musician

Sister Jane Ellis, IHM
Parish Social Minister

Rev. Joseph J. Pisaneschi
Pastor

Lori Raymond
Pastoral Associate

Joseph Sabol
Assistant Organist

Monica Salis
Business Manager

Marge Semanek
Director of Music

Sister Marion Tarone, IHM
Director of Religious Education

Rev. Anthony Urban
Weekend Celebrant

Direct Contacts

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570-763-5160

Faith Formation Office: 570-287-4587

Father Joe's email: fatherjoey@aol.com

Parish direct email: setonpa@aol.com

Bulletin deadline: Friday, one week
prior to the publication week.

LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH WITH LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS/CDs



Don't forget to check out our
"rolling library" of religious
books & CDs located in our ves-
tibule. For a small donation, you
can find some good materials
that can edify your spiritual life.

FISCAL STRENGTH

Dear Parishioners,

Part of the office of pastor comes with the responsibility for the care/management of the temporal goods of the Parish. This includes the financial status of the Parish as well. We just concluded the fiscal year on June 30 and began a new Fiscal Year on July 1, 2016. I am very pleased to announce that because of your tremendous generosity, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish is fiscally stable and strong. I will comment more on the specifics of our status in later bulletins. I must also keep the Parish informed of significant deficits and debt owed by our Parish so that everyone knows where the monies are going. Please read what follows carefully.

As part of our history, parishes have consistently contributed to Catholic Education and the support of the particular Diocesan Structure of which the parish is an integral part. As Catholics we have obligations and responsibilities to not only our own parish but to the Diocese and Catholic Schools as well to assist in the operation and running of these entities.

For the new 2016-2017 Fiscal Year our **Diocesan Assessment is \$135,790.00**. Our **Catholic School Subsidy is \$108,869.04**. To break it down to a monthly number each month our parish owes a combined bill of **\$20,255.34** to the Diocese and Schools. That means **each week \$5,065.00** from our collection goes towards these bills.

While I have your attention let me also draw your attention to some other facts about our parish: We provide many special services and ministries so we employ a large parish staff. We have three buildings which are used continually and are in constant need of repair and upkeep. Plus just the ordinary day to day operation of this parish is quite expensive. You are well aware that the cost of maintaining a home is a significant expense with taxes, insurances, maintenance, etc.,. It is the same for our Parish but on a much larger scale.

My reason for sharing these numbers with you is twofold. First, to make you aware that such expenses are the reality of parish life. Second, to offer my sincere thanks to all of you for everything that you do that makes us possible to meet these fiscal realities and responsibilities each month. As I said on the outset of this message our parish is stable. Whether through the weekly collections, festival income, fundraisers, the assistance of parish organizations, etc., we manage to pay our bills each month. That is quite an accomplishment! It is yet another reason you should be proud of yourself and your fellow parishioners. It is a lot of hard work balancing the budget with all of these fixed expenses but it is by the Grace of God all working.

Let me say it again: Our Parish is very fortunate. Thank you for whatever you do to contribute to the fiscal health and well-being of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. As part of my confession...when I think about the amount of these bills each month, it does occasionally keep me up at night. However, after five years now, I am getting the message that between God's Goodness and your generosity we will make it! Thank you and may our Good and Generous God bless you a hundredfold for your contributions to our beautiful Parish.

— Father Joe

VOICES FOR VOCATIONS

Don't forget to pray for vocations each day at either 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. A simple lifting of your heart to the Father and asking for more young people to answer His call is all it takes. Or, by all means, if you know a special prayer for vocations or a decade or more of the rosary at the same time each day (doesn't necessarily have to be 1:00 or 7:00 pm) or whenever you can.

SETON PRAYER CHAIN

We have formed a Prayer Chain in our parish. We all need each other's prayers. We need volunteers who can pray for our requests. A prayer chain is a network of individuals who will receive prayer requests and thanksgivings, forward them to the next available person in the network, and will pray immediately for each request. We need volunteers who can be "prayer warriors" or "prayer partners". Once we receive a request from our parishioners and friends, we would call you with the requested intention, and then, in turn, you would call a designated fellow prayer partner with the intention, and they, in turn, would call the designated prayer partner with the intention, and so on and so forth. Gail Kimmerle has volunteered to lead our Prayer Chain. If you are able to be one of our prayer partners, please call Gail at 570-690-7520. She will then make a list of prayer partners, and will let you know who you would have to call. We ask anyone who is need of prayer, to please call Gail at the above number with your request, or call Lori at the parish office. All calls are confidential.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL

In observance of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy with the opportunity to pass through the Diocesan Holy Door at St. Peter's Cathedral in Scranton, our parish is offering a Pilgrimage bus trip on Saturday, September 24th. We invite all interested parishioners. The pilgrimage day includes Morning Prayer, a presentation of the Jubilee of Mercy, time for personal prayers & reflection, confession, rosary, Mass, lunch & a tour of the cathedral. Cost for pilgrimage is **\$10 plus price of bus transportation**. If you would like to participate, please call Mary at 288-3073 as soon as possible so that bus arrangements can proceed. The bus will leave here approximately 7:45am and leave Scranton at 3pm. More information to follow.

TRAINING FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

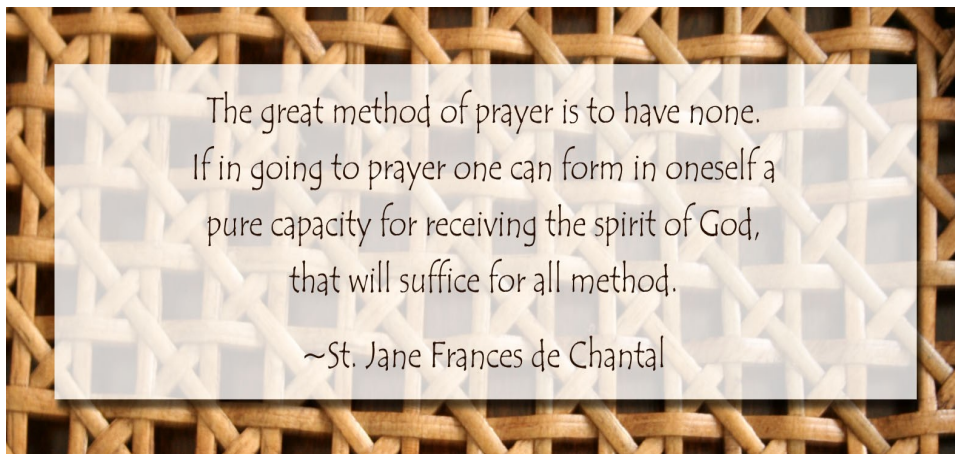
The Diocese of Scranton will train a new class of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St. Therese's Parish, Shavertown, all day on Saturday, August 27th. Mr. David Baloga, Director of Liturgy from the Diocese of Scranton, will conduct the training session. You must be recommended by your Pastor to attend this session. Please contact Fr. Joe if you are interested.



COLLECTION REPORT July 23/24, 2016

SUNDAY: \$6987.89 DUES: \$587.00
LOOSE: \$567.41 E-GIVING: \$ 206.95
TOTAL: \$8349.25

May God bless you for your generosity!



Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).



Revolution of Tenderness

DIOCESAN CONGRESS 2016: "REVOLUTION OF TENDERNESS"

'Year of Mercy' Concert with Dan Schutte
Friday, October 7th 7:30PM-9:00PM
Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton

Congress Celebration: Worship, Workshops and more!
Saturday, October 8th 9:00-5:00PM
University of Scranton

It is time, again, to register for the Diocesan Congress!
Look for full program description and details for registration with check or credit card online at www.dioceseofscranton.org, or call the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 for more information. We'll see you there!

Know a Marriage That Needs Help: Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins August. 26-28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit, PA. Please call 800-470-2230 for more information or to register or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.

The Year of Mercy Offers an Opportunity to Bring Healing in the Area of Failed Marriages:

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church. In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

"BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES" for St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen

St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen, 39 East Jackson St., Wilkes-Barre is now taking donations of school supplies. Items being collected are: Backpacks, Notebooks, Binders, Paper, Pens, Plastic Scissors, Pencils, Pencil Sharpeners, Markers, Erasers, Glue Sticks & Crayons. Items will be collected up until August 18th. They can be dropped off at the kitchen between 8 am & 1 pm each day. Distribution will take place at Our Lady of Hope, 40 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre on Monday, August 22nd, from 10 AM – 1 PM and 3PM – 6 PM. Please contact Deb at 570-822-7118, ext. 305 if you have any questions.

Fr. Jerry Gurka & the parish family of St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville, invite everyone to their Annual Parish Family Picnic to be held on the church grounds, **August 12-13-14.**

BUS PILGRIMAGE ON FEAST OF ST. MARIA FAUSTINA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016, Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy on St. Faustina's Feast Day walking through the Holy Doors and receive a plenary indulgence. Reverend Thomas J. Petro, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Dupont will accompany us and be a concelebrant at Mass. The bus leaves for Divine Mercy Shrine at 7am from St. Maria Goretti Parish parking lot, Laflin. Estimated arrival at the shrine is 11am. Itinerary: 11am-talk on St. Faustina; 1pm-Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions; 1:30pm-Rosary for Life; 2pm-Holy Mass; 3pm-Chaplet, Benediction, & veneration of relic of St. Faustina; 4:45pm-departure from shrine. The cost is \$65/person which will include complimentary breakfast items & water, bus trip, entrance shrine fee, full course meal at Bogies Restaurant in Great Barrington, MA, and the bus driver's tip. Arrival at St. Maria Goretti Church will be 11pm. Call trip coordinator Cathy Mack for reservations at 570-654-6063.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Right here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Hall; Tuesday, August 30th, 1pm to 6pm; Schedule your appointment today by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code SEASP

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday, August 8

St. Dominick

8:00 am Hovanec & Singer Families Family

Tuesday, August 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

8:00 am Adolph & Bertha Kadish Children

Wednesday, August 10

St. Lawrence

8:00 am Frances Skiendziel Marge & Marie Nevolas

Thursday, August 11

St. Clare

8:00 am James W. Gibbons Sister, Pat Quinn & Family

Friday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00am Ann & John Kraynak Daughters, Barbara & Annette

Saturday, August 13

Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Benjamin & Wanda Czarnecki Daughter, Caroline Magistro & Family

5:30pm Thomas Zdancevicz Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Sunday, August 14

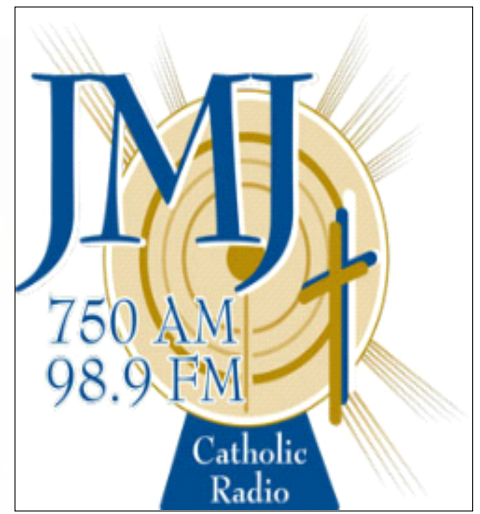
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Carol Popeck John & Carol Hrobaski

10:00 am Rick Mizenko Wife & Family

11:30 am David Markoch Pat & Dave Reynolds & Family

5:30 pm *Pro Populo*



Celebrants for the Eucharist

August 13

4:00 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Urban

August 14

8:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

10:00 am Fr. Urban

11:30 am Fr. Pisaneschi

5:30 pm Fr. Pisaneschi

Notice of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM

Monday, August 15, 2016 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day, but not an obligation this year because it falls on Monday. Because the day is of particular importance to our ethnic make-up of the parish, we will offer **three masses** for the Solemnity on Monday only. Sunday 5:30 pm mass will count for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, *not* the vigil of the Assumption. **Masses on Monday will be at 8:00am, 12:10pm, and 6:30pm.** Hopefully, your schedule will allow you to participate in one of the masses.

Rest in Peace~~ *Dolores Biga*~~May her soul and all the souls of the Faithful Departed, Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Sanctuary Candles



~In Memory of Rikki Ann Mizenko offered by Mother

~In Memory of Duda & Kucherak Families offered by Matt Duda

Altar Flowers



~In Memory of Louis & Anita Hovanec offered by Family

~In Memory of Elaine Smith offered by Loving Husband, Richard

Come to the
40th Annual

Rosary Rally

Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus

COME!
PRAY FOR AMERICA!
PRAY FOR RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM!

Sunday,
September 25, 2016

Procession Begins: 2:00 PM

At: Saint Ignatius Church
339 N. Maple Avenue
Kingston, Pa.

Most Reverend
James C. Timlin,
Principal Celebrant

**Devotions and Mass to follow
at 3:00 PM**

All Are Invited!